

Dey's Secret LOVE LIFE!



"LOVE SECRETS?!" Susan Dey exclaimed, as she sat in the office of 16 SPEC on her latest visit to New York City. "Oh, dear—I don't have any love secrets! I wish I did—but, unfortunately, my love life is non-existent!"

Susan sighed and shrugged, just like a typical teenager, as she bemoaned the cruel fate of "no love life" that her recent move toward stardom had inflicted on her. "Do you know," she continued, "I haven't had a date since I moved from New York to California! Not one single date! It's not that I don't get asked, because once in awhile I do, but most of the guys who ask me are either—well, sort of 'fast' actor-types or else the older men I meet around the set of Partridge Family."

NO ROMANCE WITH DAVID

Of course, one of the first things Susan gets asked—or worst yet—accused of, is having a "romance" with her buddy and co-star, David Cassidy.

"Oh, goodness," Susan sighs, "David and I are more like brother and sister. We even have scraps once in awhile—just like a brother and sister. Frankly, David thinks I'm a square. And, personally, he's not domesticated enough for me. David and I sit around and have lengthy 'discussions'. Actually, they're more like arguments about what boys should be like and what girls should be like. David likes girls who love to go out with him—like, you know, on long drives or to a restaurant. And I like guys who like to come home with me. I guess I'm just a square," Susan says, giggling. "But I'm much happier with a guy who will vacuum the living room while I cook dinner than I am with a guy who wants to dress up and go discotheque dancing."

USED TO GO STEADY

When it comes to boys, the truth of the matter is that Susan is very inexperienced. As pretty as she is, she's never really gone out with many fellows. When she lived in Mt. Kisco, New York, and came down to New York City to model, she went steady all the while.

"I went steady for over two years," Susan recalls. "I was in my mid-teens and I thought the whole world revolved around this boy. At some point of our romance we began to drift apart and though I still like him, I never see him—and now, in a way, I'm sorry I went steady. I don't advise any girl to go steady—not that steady, anyway. Maybe going steady for six months or so is good for you, but when you're young and you go steady for over a year—well, you're depriving yourself of learning about life."

In talking about going steady, Susan explains that it limits a girl and eventually will prohibit her from being an interesting, well-rounded, prospective bride for a wide-awake, aware and interesting young man.

Susan admits that she has a few secret crushes from time to time. But she says, "They are my secrets—and for the time being, I'm going to keep them to myself. Maybe I'm like David in that I have a fear of being rejected by someone I'm attracted to. I mean, none of us likes to be made a fool of. If I ever do really like a guy and start to go out again (if I ever get the time again, that is!) I promise—all you 16 and 16 SPEC readers will be the very first to know!"